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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Arkona and Bohemia arrived at North Sydney, C. B., Friday morning from the banks, the first of the Gloucester fleet to arrive there this spring. They have been out for two months and have had a successful trip, both catching in the vicinity of 100,000 pounds of codfish. Sch. Arkona, which was recently ashore near Louisburg, will go on the ways.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton was at Shelburne, N. S., Friday and cleared.

Sch. Annie M. Parker was at Canso, N. S., Friday.

Schs. Arcadia, Lottie G. Merchant, Susan and Mary, Onato, Premier, Massachusetts and Lucinda I. Lowell sailed from Canso, for the Magdalen Islands, for bait, Friday.

About 50 sail of vessels passed north by Port Hawkesbury, C. B., bound for the Magdalen Islands Friday afternoon.

The steam trawler Coquet was at Halifax, N. S., on Friday.

Heath Trap Made Big Haul of Pollock.

The Heath trap off Kettle Island made a big haul of pollock yesterday. The trap boat came down last evening, loaded to the water's edge and took out 26,000 pounds to the Gloucester Salt Fish Company. This morning the boat came down again and brought 10,000 pounds more, and the men reported that these were from the same haul of the trap yesterday and that there were still more in it. It would not be surprising if the haul was good for between 45,000 and 50,000 pounds, certainly a big and paying day's work.

Digby, N. S., Fleet Will Be Increased.

At the Digby, N. S., branch of the Maritime Fish Corporation, Limited, business assumes a lively aspect. Arrangements have been made to increase the fleet arriving at this company's docks. Extensions to number 2 wharf are being carried out, and with these extensions complete, the plant will be in excellent shape to take care of all the fish arriving.

The new fish warehouses and smoke-houses on the company's premises are complete, which makes this plant one of the most complete fishing warehouses and docks in the maritime provinces.

Will Have New Masts Stepped at East Boston.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, which had her mainmast and topmast carried away recently, beside sustaining other damage, has hauled over to Lockwood's yard at East Boston to repair damages. She will have a new mainsail and a new mainmast and topmast, which were made for her here, and will be towed up and stepped there.

Advance in Price of Fresh Cod.

Fresh cod made an advance this morning, when the fare of sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, which came down here with 70,000 pounds of cod, hake and cusk, sold to George Perkins & Son, to split. Hake and cusk prices remained the same as last sales, but large cod were advanced by the Perkins concern to \$2.50 per hundred weight, a five cent raise over last sales.

Sch. Massachusetts Lost Anchor.

Sch. Massachusetts, Capt. Angus Hines, of this port, which was at Canso, N. S., Thursday, reports losing an anchor in a recent heavy gale on the banks. He secured another there. He reports good fishing but considerable loss of time because of ice.

Herring Plentiful at Harbor Breton, N. F.

Herring are reported very plentiful in the vicinity of Harbor Breton, N. F., and during the last few days over five hundred barrels of these fish were taken by the residents at Little Bay West.

Dogfish Made Appearance.

Dogfish have at last appeared to worry the fishermen. They were met with by fishermen on the Middle bank, inside Massachusetts bay, at South Channel, on Georges, near the Highlands, and as far east as Brown's bank.

Picked Up Dory Buoy.

While fishing at LaHave last week one of the men of sch. Regina found a dory buoy belonging to sch. Victor and Ethan floating on the water. Capt. Shea has the buoy on board for the owner.

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Halibut Fare at Portland.

Sch. Selma is at Portland this morning with a nice fare, 14,000 pounds of halibut, 17,000 pounds of salt cod and 15,000 pounds of fresh cod.

Will Fit for Pollock Seining.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, which is at this port today from Boston with fresh fish to split, will be fitted out for pollock seining as soon as her present fare is discharged.

Had Cargo of Live Lobsters.

With 9000 live lobsters squirming in her hold the schooner Little Elsie arrived at Boston yesterday afternoon from Northeast Harbor, N. S. The vessel came in 48 hours.

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GOOD PRICES FOR SHORE FISH

BUT OFF SHORE FISH, HAKE AND CUSK IN LITTLE DEMAND.

Shore fish are worth good money at T wharf this morning, that is, haddock and codfish, while off-shore fish are down and hake and cusk are not met with any offer except those which make a noise like a splitting knife.

Shore haddock sold this morning for \$3 and \$3.50, and large cod brought from \$2.50 to \$3.50, the former figure being for a few off-shores, and is just what is being paid here to split. Some small shore lots of hake sold for \$1.25 and pollock went at \$1.70, there being very few of the latter in.

In all, there have been 16 arrivals since last report, two from the Cape Shore, three from drifting, one from the hake fields, three from down Chatham way, and the rest market boats.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie looks natural with the largest fare, Capt. Frank Watts having 101,000 pounds crowded into his pet craft, which will probably bring part of them here to split. Schs. Rebecca, Helen B. Thomas, Emily Sears, Matchless and Mary C. Santos also have trips which promise to pay well.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Olivia Sears, 2800 cod.
Sch. Rebecca, 9000 haddock, 34,000 cod, 8000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Mina Swim, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod, 25,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 3700 haddock, 13,000 cod.
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 25,000 haddock, 58,000 cod, 10,000 hake 8000 cusk.
Sch. Eleanor DeCosta, 20,000 haddock, 7000 cod.
Sch. Rose Cebra, 3000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Priscilla, 2500 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. Actor, 8000 haddock, 800 cod.
Sch. Emily Sears, 1200 haddock, 22,000 cod.
Sch. Appomattox, 1000 haddock, 16,000 cod.
Sch. Viking, 16,000 cod.
Sch. Matchless, 28,000 haddock, 2500 cod.
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 15,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Georges haddock, \$1.50 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$3 to \$3.50; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.80 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.70; hake, \$1.25.

Baiting at the Magdalens.

Information has been received here that several of the local fleet of salt bankers and shackers have reached the Magdalen Islands and are baiting there. Despite the unusual amount of ice and the long winter, the ice seems to have gone out of the gulf quite quickly and the vessels have got to the Magdalens for their baitings as early as usual, if not a few days earlier than the average year.

Large Halibut.

One of the largest and handsomest halibut landed at this port for many a day was taken out of sch. Preceptor, Capt. John McKay, at the New England Fish Company, on Monday. The fish was taken with the rest of the fare, off Cape Auguille, N. F., and weighed 392 pounds. It was in the pink of condition, a very thrifty fish, thick and firm meat and altogether a splendid specimen.

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FIRST SEINER REACHES NEW YORK

Sch. Marguerite Haskins at Fulton Market Yesterday Afternoon.

Arrival the Latest on Record For First Seining Fare.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Charles Maguire, has the credit of being the first seiner to bring a trip of mackerel at Fulton Market, New York, this season. The craft arrived there yesterday afternoon with 1500 large fresh mackerel.

Capt. Maguire reports quite a large body of fish but says that they are wild.

The arrival is one of the latest on record for the first seining fare at New York. Last year the first fare there was brought in on May 1 by sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron, she having 6000 large fresh mackerel, while the first seiner at that port in 1909 was sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus Morgan, with 600 large fresh mackerel.

A year ago yesterday there were 12 seiners and 18 netters at New York with fresh mackerel fares, the former having from 2000 to 12,000 fish each.

A year ago today there were seven seiners and 12 netters at New York, the former with trips of from 2000 to 6000 large fish, selling at 25 and 30 cents each.

The price yesterday is reported as 33 cents each.

Three Netters at New York.

This morning at Fulton Market, New York, there are three of the mackerel netting fleet with small fares. Evidently the fleet as a whole has not yet struck the fish.

The crafts in are:

Sch. Massasoit, 1100 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Minerva, 400 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Eliza A. Benner, 250 large fresh mackerel.

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MONSTER POLLOCK SEINING FARE.

Sch. Georgia Weighed Off 210,575 Lbs. From Five Days Trip.

Sch. Georgia, Capt. Charles Forbes, weighed off 210,575 pounds as the result of her recent five days pollock seining trip to the Rips. In this big fare, one of the very largest of its kind ever landed, were 113,185 pounds of round pollock, 91,295 pounds of dressed pollock and 6095 pounds of codfish. Of this monster catch, the vessel brought in 46,000 pounds of deck.

The stock was a dandy, \$2621.16, and the crew took down just \$93.83 each for their share of the voyage, which is certainly making money fast. On her previous trip, landed only six days ahead of this big one, the Georgia had over 50,000 pounds of fresh pollock, on which the stock

of \$758.39 and the share of \$24.09 was made. This makes over 260,000 pounds of pollock landed inside of six days, with a stock of \$3379.55 and a crew share of \$117.92 to show for the same.

During the past few seasons, Capt. Forbes has made for himself an enviable reputation, both as a pollock and mackerel catcher. His special stamping ground has been the Rips, not a very comfortable, but generally a very prolific place to fish. It is doubtful if his present record, made in the past six days, has ever been equalled in the pollock fishery. Capt. Forbes is going to keep right at it and today will hustle back again to the Rips and if the fish are still there it is safe to say that he will soon be heard from with another big fare.

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New Fishing Boat at Newburyport.

The new auxiliary sloop recently purchased by the Newburyport Fish Cold Storage Company of Rockport parties arrived at the Consumer's Fresh Fish Company's wharf yesterday forenoon. She is to be used in the interests of the company in seining operations and general fisheries. The boat has a 16 horse power engine. She will be manned by a Newburyport crew.

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Bait in Cape Cod Trap.

The traps at Cape Cod are taking herring, whiting and alewives in large quantities, and yesterday morning the trappers telephoned that they had a lot of herring and alewives for bait, beside squid, and that whiting were plenty in the traps.

Sch. Thalia Touched and Floated.

Sch. Thalia, while bound out yesterday afternoon bid up on Ten Pound Island ledge, but floated soon after and proceeded, apparently uninjured.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Margaret was at Canso, N. S., on Saturday.

Sch. Annie M. Parker cleared from Canso, N. S., on Saturday for the Magdalen Islands.

Schs. James W. Parker, Susan and Mary and Monitor passed north by Port Mulgrave, N. S., on Saturday.

Sch. James R. Clark cleared from Yarmouth, N. S., on Friday.

Spoken on Georges.

Capt. John G. Stream of sch. Juno reports speaking sch. Margaret Dillon on Georges recently.

Capt. Fred Thompson reports speaking sch. Waldo L. Stream on Georges recently.

Sand Eels at Cape Cod.

The delicate sand eels, which are to Boston what white bait are to New York, have appeared at Cape Cod. Yesterday morning 10 barrels of them were sent to T wharf for market.

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FISH PLENTIFUL AT THIS PORT.

SOME LARGE FARES HAVE ARRIVED SINCE YESTERDAY NOON.

Fish receipts at this port since yesterday noon have been pretty good. Along after dinner sch. Thomas Brundage shot in from the Rips with 50,000 pounds of pollock, followed by sch. Marion E. Turner, from the same ground, with 110,000 pounds of "ministers," as the fishermen call these black garbed fish.

A little later the big sch. John Hays Hammond, Capt. Fred Thompson, came in around the Point with a splendid fare, 20,000 pounds of halibut and 90,000 pounds of large fresh cod, and she only 15 days out, and along toward dusk sch. Alice, from the Cape Shore, put in an appearance with 90,000 pounds of fresh fish, half of which are cod. Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, from the shore grounds, was also among the arrivals with 12,000 pounds of fresh pollock.

This morning sch. Benjamin A. Smith arrived from the Rips with 90,000 pounds of fresh pollock, steamer Quartette landed 2600 weight of pollock from the shore grounds, sch. Metamora, from the Cape Shore grounds, had 70,000 pounds of fresh fish and sch. Mattie Winship came in from a Georges handline codfishing voyage and brought 28,000 pounds of salt cod and 2000 pounds of halibut.

Yesterday the Heath trap boat brought 15,000 pounds of pollock down to the Fort.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Thomas Brundage, Rips, 50,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. Marion E. Turner, Rips, 110,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. Alice, Cape Shore, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, shore, 12,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Rips, 90,900 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. John Hays Hammond, Georges, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 90,000 lbs. fresh cod.
- Heath's trap, Manchester, 15,000 lbs. fresh pollock.
- Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges handline, 28,000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Metamora, Cape Shore, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Quartette, shore, 2600 lbs. pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Thalia, Rips.
- Sch. Elk, halibuting.
- Sch. Marjie Turner, halibuting.
- Sch. Lena and Maud, south seining.
- Sch. Electric Flash, south seining.
- Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, pollock seining.
- Sch. Shenandoah, pollock seining.
- Sch. Alert, pollock seining.
- Sch. Thomas Brundage, pollock seining.
- Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, pollock seining.
- Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, haddocking.
- Sch. George H. Lube, haddocking.
- Sch. Terra Nova, Cape North shacking.
- Sch. Manomet, south mackerel netting.
- Sloop Jennie P., south mackerel netting.
- Sch. Piedmont, south mackerel netting.
- Sch. James and Esther, haddocking.

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Halibut Stocks and Shares.

The crew of sch. Cavalier shared \$38 as the result of her recent halibut trip.

The crew of sch. Preceptor shared \$36 as the result of her recent halibut trip.

Sch. Juno, Capt. John G. Stream, stocked \$1940 as the result of her recent short Georges trip, the crew sharing \$57.30 clear.

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ROCKPORT ITEMS.

Netting Fleet Fitting Out For the Mackerel Fishery.

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SCH CONSTELLATION CLEAR.

On Her Way Home With Cargo of Salt Herring.

Sch. Constellation, Capt. Jerry Cook, is clear of the ice at Humber Arm, Bay of Islands, N. F., and is bound home with a cargo of salt herring. The craft got frozen in last January and Capt. Cook went down from here to take charge of her and continue fishing.

Caught Through the Ice.

Portland Fish Notes.

The warmer weather of the past few days has made a big change in the feelings of the fishermen engaged in pollock seining. The fish have come to the top in big schools and large catches are reported, in all about 200,000 pounds having been taken out here since Saturday. Large catches have been made in the vicinity of the Cape Elizabeth lightship, while quite a lot have also been taken off Small Point and were brought here Monday. Sales were at 75 cents per hundred pounds, round and \$1 dressed.

Another fact of great encouragement to the local fishermen transpired Monday, and that is the showing up of large sized herring along the coast. The sloop Vigilant brought in about 23 barrels of large sized fish and in addition some 14 barrels were brought in from the traps along shore. There is a big demand for this kind of herring at good paying prices.

Another halibut fare was brought in Monday, the Boston schooner Selma arriving from a fortnight's cruise on Georges. She brought in 14,000 pounds of halibut, 20,000 pounds of salt cod and 12,000 pounds of fresh fish. The halibut were sold to the J. W. Trefethen Company at 8 and 6 cents, but the rest of the catch will probably go to Gloucester. Good weather was encountered most of the trip.

The other Monday trips were: Steamers Elthier, with 14,000 lbs. pollock; E. N. Brown, 9000; Monhegan, 15,000; Pet, 12,000. Sloops Olympia, 25,000 lbs. pollock; Mermaid, 2000; Wilbur Morse, 25,000; Vigilant, 23 bbls. herring; Laconia, fishing.

Sch. Regina Stocked \$1500 on Fresh Fish Trip.

Capt. Jere Shea of sch. Regina made a big stock for the catch he brought to T wharf yesterday. When he had totaled up the vessel had \$1500 to her credit. The trip of 10 days was a costly one, however, for the vessel. Failing to get bait at Boston, Capt. Shea went east for herring, and when he found them had to pay \$4 a barrel for them, and then got them as a favor. His bait bill for the trip was just \$200, which comes out of the vessel's stock.

Salt Bankers Fishing Off Cheticamp.

Some of the salt bankers which were fortunate enough to strike a fresh baiting at Queensport and Canso, after using up their Peak salt baiting, got up around Cape North through the ice and on May 3 were fishing off Cheticamp. They will use up the baiting on that well-known fishing spot and then will go to the Magdalens, which are very handy, for their next baiting. These crafts were fortunate in that they lost no fishing time.

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Belleoram, N. F., Fleet.

The Belleoram, N. F., correspondent in the Western Star:

"Our fishing fleet have arrived from the Western Shore fishery, with trips from 150 to 900 according to size of vessel and time of arriving at the fishing grounds. They were blocked in the harbors with the ice for 17 days at one time and but for the kindness of Capt. Fitzpatrick of the steamer Portia their delay would have been longer. They have sailed again on another trip, but there has been continuous gales of east wind this last week, and we fear rough weather have hindered them in their operations. Herring have appeared in large quantities this spring which accounts for the quick dispatch of the fleet."

Newfoundland Bank Fishery.

The Newfoundland bank fishery will be prosecuted with greater energy than ever this year, especially in the southern and western parts of the island. The taste of the American connection says a Newfoundland exchange, which was a feature of last fall's trade, has whet the appetite of west fishermen, and the banking fleet will be largely increased this year. The greatest evidence of the increased activity is shown in the wages offered to men to crew the banking schooners. The price began at \$220, and then rose to \$240, \$260 and \$280, and we hear of instances where men are getting \$300 for the season.

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SEINING FLEET SIGHT MACKEREL.

Fish Are Reported Very Wild and Crews Unable to Stop Them.

Southern Fleet the Present Season Smallest For Years.

There's mackerel to the southward, a good body of them, and the mackerel fleet has been on them and banged away for two days, without being able to stop a fish. The schools are large and wild as hawks. It is hard luck, but this is just the situation out south.

Capt. John W. McFarland of sch. Victor was in at Lewes, Delaware Breakwater, on Tuesday, and writes as follows:

"Have been on a large body of mackerel for the past two days, 57 miles east of Cape Henlopen. Very large schools and very wild. The fish are in from 45 to 50 fathoms of water and 10 sail of the fleet have been on them. We are in for harbor, the wind being heavy from the eastward."

A letter from Capt. John A. McKinnon of sch. Aloha, also in at the Breakwater for harbor, says practically the same as Capt. McFarland's letter.

Southern Mackerel Fleet Smallest on Record.

The southern mackerel seining fleet this season is believed to be the smallest on record. Thus far it numbers but 17 sail and the chances are it will be smaller before it is larger, as Cape Shore time is drawing nigh and the majority of the skippers will not miss that this year. The Cape Shore fleet, too, bids fair to be about as small as ever in the memory of the oldest fishermen.

The southern fleet includes the following vessels:

- Sch. Clintonia, Capt. Ralph Wheeler.
- Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine.
- Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall.
- Sch. Sylvania, Capt. Lemuel Firth.
- Sch. Saladin, Capt. Wallace Parsons.
- Sch. Aloha, Capt. John A. McKinnon.
- Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Charles Maguire.
- Sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland.
- Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William Bissert.
- Sch. Monarch, Capt. John Matheson.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman A. Ross.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch.

Sch. Independent, II., Capt. John McInnis.

Sch. Nellie Dixon, Capt. James Ellis.

Sch. Electric Flash, Capt. Archie McLeod.

Sch. Lena and Maud, Capt. George G. Hamor.

Schs. Alert and George Parker, which are all fitted for mackerel seining, are now fishing for pollock on the Rips and have not gone south.

As to the fleet fitting out, sch. Indiana is at Boston trying to get a crew, while the crafts fitting here are as follows:

Sch. Dauntless, Capt. C. Wesley Farmer.

Sch. Diana, Capt. James McLean.

Sch. Pinta, Capt. Douglass McLean.

The Cape Shore Fleet.

Schs. Lizzie M. Stanley and Pontiac will soon begin to fit for the Cape Shore and schs. Shenandoah, Jennie B. Hodgdon, Benjamin A. Smith, Alert and George Parker, and possibly sch. Georgia, are expected to turn their attention to mackerel seining about Cape Shore time.

Sch. Squanto may also go seining later.

Sch. Constellation, bound home from Bay of Islands, N. F., where she has been frozen in all winter, will also be one of the Cape Shore fleet if she gets home in time to get her herring out and fit away, which she probably will. In this event, Capt. Charles Maguire, now in sch. Marguerite Haskins out south, will command her.

This is about all there is in sight at present for the make-up of the mackerel fleet. Two vessels now fitting out are finding men quite scarce.

Fulton Market reports mackerel scarce this morning and is quoting 35 cents to Boston.

Two mackerel, the first of the season there, were taken in the traps at Newport, R. I., yesterday.

Capt. Joshua W. Stanley will now fit sch. Lizzie M. Stanley for a Cape Shore seining trip and it is expected that Capt. Enos Nickerson will also shift sch. Pontiac over for a Cape Shore mackerel voyage.

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Gulf Fleet Had Bad Weather.

Severe weather in the gulf caused three vessels to put in at Galveston, Tex., the latter part of last week. One was sch. Clara M. Littlefield, of Pensacola, with 18,000 pounds of red snapper and groupers. The fish were taken by the Gulf Fisheries Co. Capt. Paul Cossari, of the Littlefield, said that when 75 miles off Galveston, he encountered a "blow," which broke the rudder stock. The vessel lost her forestsail and jib.

The smack Hatteras of the Gulf Fisheries Co., and the smack Avalon, also had bad weather. The former had 16,000 pounds of fish.

Smallest Lobster.

John Marshall, a fisherman aboard the sch. Matchless, is not a lobsterman, but his specialty nevertheless seems to be catching lobsters. For not only does he hold the record for hauling in one of the biggest crustaceans ever caught on the New England coast, but Monday he drew into his dory the tiniest lobster that ever came out of the water. It weighed just two ounces and was caught on a trawl off Chatham.

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Made Slow Trip.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed made a rather slow passage home on her recent trip. About two weeks ago while going out, she ran on an unmarked ledge in Broad shoal, and tore off her false keel, which retarded her sailing. Capt. Perry will not dock her until he is ready to have her repaired.

Will Sell to Splitters.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, from fresh drifting, arrived at T wharf this forenoon with 28,000 pounds of fresh cod and finding no sale for these live goods started for this port to sell to the splitters.

Peak Cod Sale.

The fare of fresh Peak cod of sch. Lizzie M. Stanley sold to Cunningham & Thompson Company at \$2.25 per hundred weight for large and \$1.75 for mediums.

Sch. Virginia Spoken.

Capt. Joshua W. Stanley of sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, reports speaking sch. Virginia on the Cape Shore, a few days ago.

Stock of Sch. Selma.

Sch. Selma, Capt. Albert Saulnberg, stocked \$2278.71 as the result of her recent Georges halibut trip, the crew sharing \$57.27 clear.